ABSTRACT:

Figure 7 of the drawings depicts an overall view of this invention which relates to a new method or process for a system used to do digital media distribution in an architecture of public key cryptography called the digital media distribution cryptography architecture (100) which is implemented in computer hardware, computer software, and communications protocols, furthermore, the hardware components involved are media ticket smart cards (880), media ticket smart card readers (900), local area networks (924) (LAN's), internet protocol (IP) wide area networks (928) (WAN's), personal computers (820) (PC's), world wide web servers (824) (WWW), cryptographic media players (e.g. crypto-MP3 players) with built-in media ticket smart card readers (880), (900), (1004), cryptographic digital signal processors (932) (C-DSP's), furthermore, the software components involved are cryptographic key distribution programs, cryptographic mathematics algorithms, and cryptographic protocols.

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